



SENATOR
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HARDIMAN HERALD – MAY 2006

HONORING OUR FALLEN SOLDIERS

On May 25th, Senator Hardiman was one of 4 Senators that participated as veterans in the Memorial Day Service in the Senate Chambers. Senator Hardiman served in the US Army during Vietnam for two years. The 38 State Senators joined with veterans across the state to commemorate not only Michigan's fallen soldiers but armed service men and women across the nation. In recognition of the Memorial Day holiday, listed below are a few tips on how to fly the American Flag.

- The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.
- The flag is never allowed to touch the ground or floor.
- When hung over a sidewalk on a rope extending from a building to a pole, the union stars are always away from the building.
- When vertically hung over the center of the street, the flag always has the union stars to the north in an east/west street, and to the east in a north/south street.
- The flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point to the group when a number of flags of the States of localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.
- The flag should never be festooned, drawn back, not up, in folds but always allowed to fall free.
- The flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon on Memorial Day then raised to the top of the staff.
- Never fly the flag upside down except as a signal of distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property.
- The flag is never flown in inclement weather except when using all-weather flag.
- The flag can be flown every day from sunrise to sunset and at night if illuminated properly.

HARDIMAN RECEIVES FEDERAL APPOINTMENT

Senator Bill Hardiman received U.S. Senate confirmation late Friday to serve on the National Institute of Building Sciences after being nominated by President Bush. Hardiman appeared before the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs on May 16.

“I’m honored and deeply humbled to be selected by the president and confirmed by the Senate,” Hardiman said. “I will use my experiences as a bridge builder to bring differing parties together and I vow to continue to be a strong advocate for fairness and common sense.”

The National Institute of Building Sciences is a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization created by Congress in 1974 to disseminate nationally recognized technical and regulatory information about building science and technology, and to improve the building regulations environment. It includes representatives from government, industry, labor and consumer interests. The 21-member board that Hardiman joins guides the institute.

More information about the institute is available online at www.nibs.org.

HARDIMAN BILL IMPROVING CHILD IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY SIGNED INTO LAW

Legislation expanding the use of the Michigan Child Immunization Registry to include health information such as lead testing and other conditions was sponsored by Senator Hardiman. On April 18, 2006 the Governor signed the bill, SB 728, into law. The bill was strongly supported by public and private health officials and organizations.

HARDIMAN URGES REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER DETROIT FOR 2008 CONVENTION

Senator Hardiman sponsored Senate Resolution 41 urging the selection of Detroit for 2008 convention, and to build upon the positive image of the Super Bowl and All-Star baseball game. Detroit is the only city in Michigan with sufficient hotel and convention facilities required by the national committee for convention hosts. The Resolution passed the Senate in May.

HARDIMAN BILL STRENGTHENING THE PROTECTION FOR CHILDREN FROM METH EXPOSURE HEADS TO THE GOVERNOR

SB 1116, sponsored by Senator Hardiman, has passed the legislature, and is on its way to the Governor's desk. This bill would require closer cooperation and communication between law enforcement and child protective agencies in investigating potential child abuse or neglect cases where methamphetamine use and production is present.

HARDIMAN COMMEMORATES MAY AS HEPATITIS C AWARENESS MONTH

With an estimated 4 million Americans and 180,000 Michigan residents infected with the hepatitis C virus (HCV), Senator Hardiman introduced Senate Resolution No.141 proclaiming May 2006 as Hepatitis C Awareness Month in Michigan.

Increased public awareness and education about HCV, and the provision of a continuum of hepatitis-related services including prevention programs and testing and medical management/treatment programs, are need to ensure the best possible health outcomes for individuals already infected with HCV and to prevent new infections.

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 23, 2006.

SENATOR HARDIMAN DISTRICT OFFICE HOURS

Senator Hardiman will be holding monthly district office hours the first Monday of each month from 10:00am - 11:30am throughout the 29th district. Be sure to talk to the Senator at these upcoming office hours:

- **Monday, June 5, 2006, Mr. Burger, 2101 Lake Michigan Dr. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504**
- **Monday, July 10, 2006, Red Hot Inn, 3175 Leonard St. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525**

Senator Hardiman will hold this time each month so constituents of the 29th district have an opportunity to speak with him one-on-one about any questions or concerns they may have regarding state issues. You can also contact Senator Hardiman via his toll-free number: 1-866-305-2129 or visit Senator Hardiman's homepage to set-up a meeting outside of the district hours, www.senate.michigan.gov/hardiman

CONTACT INFORMATION

The Hardiman Herald is designed to provide residents and organizations with a timely update of Senator Bill Hardiman's activity in Lansing. If you have any questions, please contact Senator Hardiman's office.

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